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James Demouchet & Ted DeBaene

(Caddo Parish)

(Owen & White)

were each a recipient of our
“Certificate of Appreciation”
presented at the Annual 2005
LFMA Conference.

This certificate is presented to a person with outstanding
qualities in the field of floodplain management.

Both James and Ted are Certified Floodplain Managers
(CFMs)

We appreciate their dedication and service to the citizens
of Louisiana!

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HURRICANE SEASON is here ! 2005 Names

Arlene

Harvey

Ophelia

Bret

Irene

Philippe

Cindy

Jose

Rita

Dennis

Katrina

Stan

Emily

Lee

Tammy

Franklin

Maria

Vince

Gert

Nate

Wilma



The National Floodproofing Conference III is going to be a very exciting event!

The State of West Virginia's Office of Emergency Services, Huntington District Corps of Engineers, the Charleston Convention & Visitors Bureau, and the Association of State Floodplain Managers and its co-sponsors have teamed together to produce what will truly be an outstanding conference in a great location. They'll bring the state-of-the-art in floodproofing to an area known not only for its natural beauty and friendly people, but also for its history of devastating floods. West Virginia seems to be the intersection of the nation's weather system superhighways.

Time after time, cold fronts from the northwest meet warm fronts from the Gulf of Mexico over West Virginia, often resulting in major storms. Because of its topography, this results in fast runoff and high flood levels in the valleys, where most of the population resides. Local and national experts will share how they deal with these kinds of localized problems, in addition to those associated with coastal and riverine areas, where we find the majority of repetitive loss properties.

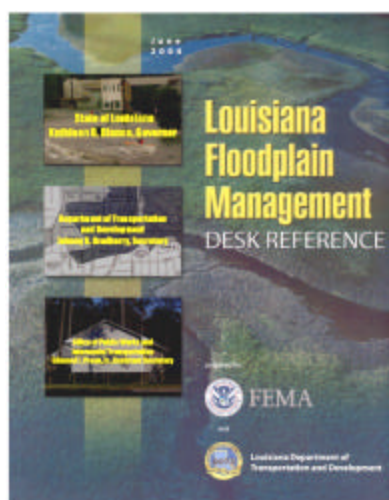
This conference will continue to build upon the previous triennial conferences held in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, in 1999, and Tampa, Florida, in 2002. We'll focus on floodproofing techniques, materials, floodproofing and elevation contractors, current issues and programs, new federal tax implications and the various means of funding floodproofing projects.

FOR MORE INFORMATION go to: www.floods.org



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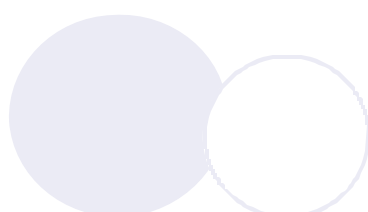
the "Louisiana Floodplain Management
DESK REFERENCE" is now available !!

During the next fiscal year we will be distributing a hard copy of the new Louisiana Floodplain Management DESK REFERENCE to each Louisiana NFIP community. Over a hundred copies were handed out at the latest LFMA Conference which was held in Thibodaux in April.

Work has begun on a Louisiana Dept. of Transportation and Development – Floodplain Management website which will offer you access to the DESK REFERENCE. We will inform you of the new website address as soon as it is accessible.

If your community would like to obtain a copy of the DESK REFERENCE, before we can deliver one to you; please send us your Federal Express account number and we will have one shipped to you. Contact information: 225/274-4354 - LADOTD, Section 64, 8900 Jimmy Wedell, Baton Rouge, LA 70807 - pammiller@dotd.louisiana.gov

We believe this will be a valuable tool to permit officials, engineers, public officials, building inspectors, insurance agents and anyone involved in floodplain management.





Mr. Mark Bonner, Director of Marketing for Dixie Electric Membership Corporation (DEMCO), accepted a "Certificate of Appreciation" on behalf of DEMCO from the Floodplain Management Section of LADOTD at the annual LFMA Conference held in Thibodaux, La. on April 28, 2005. The certificate read:

"IN ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF YOUR COMMUNITY SERVICE of
PROVIDING PERTINENT INFORMATION REGARDING the
NATIONAL FLOOD INSURANCE PROGRAM to CITIZENS
in the STATE OF LOUISIANA THROUGH THE **DEMCO** PUBLICATION"
"ALONG THESE LINES"

Thank You DEMCO

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY !
the Community Rating System is
15 years old this year**



The National Flood Insurance Program's (NFIP) Community Rating System (CRS) was implemented in 1990 as a program for recognizing and encouraging community floodplain management activities that exceed the minimum NFIP standards.

Disaster-Mitigation Grants Not Taxable

On April 15, the President signed into law H.R. 1134, which will protect citizens from being taxed for disaster mitigation grants.

Disaster-mitigation grants are widely used by states, cities, and towns, to mitigate future damage to property. Homeowners often use the grants for projects such as elevating or relocating structures after flooding or creating "safe rooms" in tornado-prone areas. FEMA disaster mitigation grants have saved an estimated \$2.9 billion in disaster recovery since the program began 15 years ago.

In June 2004, the IRS issued a ruling finding that disaster mitigation funds are taxable as income.

Prior to this ruling, such assistance was not considered income for tax purposes, and meanwhile property owners were accepting mitigation funds without any idea that they could be subject to taxation as income.

H.R. 1134 reverses his decision, and returns mitigation grants to a tax-exempt status. The measure is retroactive.

Although the Joint Committee on Taxation estimated the bill will cost the government \$105 million in lost revenue over 10 years, ASFPM contends the mitigation grants will save far more than that by preventing future disaster costs.

Taken from the MAY 2005 ASFPM "THE INSIDER"



**LOUISIANA FLOODPLAIN
MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION
AND
the CITY OF CARENCRO
SPONSOR**

**How to use the NEW
“Louisiana Floodplain Management
Desk Reference” WORKSHOP**

THURSDAY, JULY 7, 2005

8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

**CARENCRO COMMUNITY CENTER
5115 N. University Avenue
Carencro, LA**

!!! BRING YOUR DESK REFERENCE !!!

Make your own hotel reservations at

Holiday Inn Holidome

2032 NE Evangeline Thruway (Hwy.182) - Lafayette, LA
(near meeting facility)
(337) 233-6815

For more information on the topics or CFM Exam, please
contact Pam Mattingly at pmattingly@cppj.net
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Workshop Contact: Bonnie Anderson
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AGENDA

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- 8:30 a.m.—Coffee & Donuts
8:45 a.m.—**Welcome**
Glenn Brasseaux, Mayor of Carencro
8:50 a.m.—**Introduction**
Rod Emmer, Executive Director, LFMA
9:00 a.m.—**Flood Insurance Studies**
Ted DeBaene, Vice President
Owen & White Engineering, Inc.
9:20 a.m.—**Using FIRMS**
James Demouchet, Public Works Prop. Spec.
Caddo Parish
9:40 a.m.—Break
9:50 a.m.—**The Floodplain Administrator**
Lisa Gautreau, Address Coordinator
Ascension Parish Government
10:10 a.m.—**Development Permits**
Melissa Becker, Planner
Rapides Area Planning Commission
10:30 a.m.—**Permit Records**
Lisa Richardson, Permit Specialist
Ouachita Parish Police Jury
10:50 a.m.—**Substantial Improvement & Damages**
Tommy Rodrigue, Floodplain Manager/
CRS Coordinator, Jefferson Parish
11:15 a.m. Question & Answer
11:45 a.m. Lunch provided by City of Carencro
1:30 p.m.—**CFM Exam (pre-registration required)**

**WORKSHOP: HOW TO USE THE NEW
“LOUISIANA FLOODPLAIN
MANAGEMENT DESK REFERENCE”**

DATE: Thursday, July 7, 2005

**LOCATION: CARENCRO
COMMUNITY CENTER**

PLEASE FAX or MAIL THIS TO:
CITY OF CARENCRO
Bonnie Anderson
P.O. BOX 10
CARENCRO, LA 70520
(337) 886-7546 (fax)

NAME: _____

TITLE: _____

ORGANIZATION: _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

PHONE #: _____

FAX #: _____

EMAIL: _____

**CFM Exam will be offered following the workshop at
1:30 pm at the same Community Center.**

Please register at www.floods.org click on
Certification

**Deadline to register for the CFM test is June 30,
2005. Walk-ins not accepted.**

Protecting Your Property From Flooding

Are You at Risk?

If you aren't sure whether your house is at risk from flooding, check with your local floodplain manager, building official, city engineer, or planning and zoning administrator.

They can tell you whether you are in a flood hazard area. Also, they usually can tell you how to protect yourself and your house and property from flooding.

What You Can Do

Flood protection can involve a variety of changes to your house and property – changes that can vary in complexity and cost. You may be able to make some types of changes yourself; however, complicated or large-scale changes and those that affect the structure of your house or its electrical wiring and plumbing should be carried out only by a professional contractor licensed to work in your state, parish, or city.

One example of flood protection is anchoring propane tanks. This is something that skilled homeowners can probably do on their own.

Anchor Outside Propane Tanks

Unanchored propane tanks can be easily moved by flood waters. These tanks pose serious threats not only to you, your family, and your house, but also to public safety and the environment. Propane is stored in pressurized vessels as liquefied petroleum gas (LPG), which can be extremely volatile and potentially explosive if the tank is ruptured and the escaping LPG is ignited by a spark. An unanchored tank outside your house can be driven into your walls by flood waters, or can be swept downstream, where it can damage other houses.

An inexpensive way to secure a horizontal outside propane tank is to install four ground anchors connected across the top of the tank with metal straps. Secure vertical tank (120-gallon, 420 lb. size) with two ground anchors. Set each anchor on opposite sides of vertical tank. Attach strap from each anchor to collar secured around top of tank. Attach another metal strap connected from one anchor to the other through tank base. The ground anchors and straps are the same products that are required by building codes to tie down mobile homes. These products are available from suppliers and installers that service the manufactured housing industry.

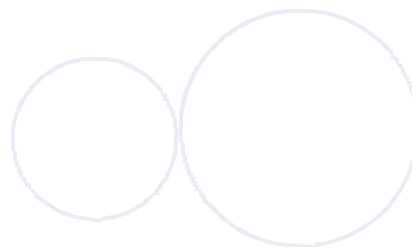
Pictorial documentation can be found on the website: www.fema.gov/fima/how2005.shtm

The Louisiana Floodplain Management Association (LFMA) is looking for help !!!!!

The LFMA produces two workshops annually to educate permit officials about the rules and regulations of the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) and would like to know the subjects you feel would be most beneficial to you.

What subjects would you like discussed?

Please contact our office or Pam Mattingly the LFMA Workshop Coordinator at (337) 721-3600 or pmattingly@cpj.net with any suggestions or ideas.



DOTD DAM SAFETY

RULES & REGULATIONS

All local permitting officials are encouraged to notify any subdivision developer or individual home owner in their area who intends to construct a dam to contact the Louisiana Dept. of Transportation & Development (LADOTD) to

- obtain a permit
- avoid possible fines; and most importantly,
- minimize their liability for the loss of life and property.

Louisiana Act No. 733 of the 1981 Legislature provides for a Dam Safety and Regulatory Program. The DOTD, Public Works and Flood Control Directorate is charged with the responsibility for administering the program. The program is operated by the DOTD's Water Resources Design and Development Section. The purpose of Act No. 733 (LA. R.S. 38:21-28) is to recognize the inherent dangers posed by impoundments of significant volumes of water, and to require that owners of structures which impound water (or other liquids) assume the responsibility for that danger by ensuring that such structures are designed, constructed, and maintained so as to minimize the risk to life and property.

Regardless of the circumstances of failure, the owner is ultimately responsible for loss of life and property damages that may occur from the failure of his dam.

The DOTD Dam Safety Program defines the minimum standards for dams in the state of Louisiana, and DOTD has the responsibility and the authority to enforce the standards of the program.

All dams or impoundment structure barriers which are six feet or more in height with maximum storage capacities of fifteen acre-feet or more must be submitted to DOTD for review.

A permit from DOTD is required prior to constructing any new impoundment structure or commencing any structural modifications to existing impoundment structures.

Permit forms may be obtained from the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development, Dam Safety & Regulatory Program, P.O. Box 94245, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, 70804-9245. The permitting process is designed to ensure that new structures and modifications to existing structures are designed and constructed in accordance with the Dam Safety requirements. Contact person is Mr. Elnur Musa, Dam Safety & Water Resources Engineer – 274-4172 – elnur.musa@dotd.louisiana.gov

If, prior to beginning construction, the owner fails to obtain approval, the owner will be cited and fined under the statutory authority of Louisiana Revised Statute, Title 38, Section 28. Also, the lake may be ordered to be drained until all approvals have been obtained.





Our goal is flood loss reduction . . .

We are here to provide any guidance needed to assure that NFIP regulations are carried out and violations prevented.

If you or someone you know would like to receive future copies of this newsletter please contact our office:

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